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ED. BOLDEN'S PHILADELPHIA STARS

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300 MARKS AVENUE, DARBY, PA.

Phila., September 6, 1944

Mr. Thomas T. Wilson, President  
Negro National Baseball League  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Tom:

I see that the Cubans beat the Grays two games in Detroit on Labor Day and only one game is reported in the League results. According to the second half schedule, the Cubans and Grays were supposed to play two games in Washington on Labor Day, but See Posey called Gottlieb and told him that they were only supposed to play one game in Washington, as it was a night game, and they could only play one, therefore, they would only make the first game in Detroit a League game.

Posey called Gottlieb on Monday, August 28 about this. Why did he wait that long? Why didn't he have the change made in the schedule as soon as it was sent out. They knew about the Detroit game at the East-West game, so why didn't they mention the change to one game at that time? It looks as if they waited to see how the race stood before deciding whether they needed to play one or two League games in Detroit.

Besides all this, and regardless of how many games they were scheduled for, the Grays and Cubans had three postponed games on account of rain, and surely the second game at Detroit should at least have been one of these postponed games. If this second game was a League game, as it surely should have been, and the Grays loss put into the League standings, where it surely belongs, the Phila. Stars would win the second half.

In view of all this, I am sending this letter to protest the winning of the second half by the Homestead Grays. The Phila. Stars have really won the second half fairly, by playing all the League games possible, and have not tried to win by cancelling any League games or on any technicality. I think you should order them to play a series with the Phila. Stars to decide the League championship.

The Phila. fans and newspaper men are up in arms over this situation. My phone, Curry's, and Gottlieb's, has been ringing without a stop ever since Tuesday morning, and we would like to be able to tell them something definite as soon as possible. I know that I will be swamped with questions at our home game Thursday and Saturday night.



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I am sending a copy of this letter to all the club owners in our league. Please take action immediately.

Awaiting your prompt word, and feeling certain that you will act fairly in this matter, as you have always done, with best regards, I am

Yours for best in sport,

*Edward J. Bolden*  
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